



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 5557***

LCO No. 2446



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:  
(PH)

***AN ACT CONCERNING NEGLECTED CEMETERIES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 19a-308 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2014*):

3 (a) In any town in which there is a burial ground or cemetery  
4 containing more than six places of interment and not under the control  
5 or management of any currently functioning cemetery association,  
6 [which] that has been neglected and allowed to grow up to weeds,  
7 briars and bushes, or about which the fences have become broken,  
8 decayed or dilapidated, the selectmen of such town may [annually]  
9 cause such burial ground or cemetery to be cleared of weeds, briars  
10 and bushes, may mow the ground's lawn areas and may cause its  
11 fences or walls to be repaired and kept in orderly and decent condition  
12 and its memorial stones to be straightened.

13 (b) A municipality shall not be liable for civil damages or criminal  
14 penalties resulting from undertaking the care and maintenance of a  
15 burial ground or cemetery, as described in subsection (a) of this  
16 section.

17       Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2014*) (a) There is established an  
18 account to be known as the "neglected cemetery account" which shall  
19 be a separate, nonlapsing account within the General Fund. The  
20 account shall contain any moneys required by law to be deposited in  
21 the account. Moneys in the account shall be expended by the Office of  
22 Policy and Management for the purposes of municipal maintenance of  
23 neglected burial grounds and cemeteries, as described in section 19a-  
24 308 of the general statutes, as amended by this act.

25       (b) Each municipality may apply for moneys in the account  
26 established pursuant to this section on a form and in such manner as  
27 prescribed by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management.

28       Sec. 3. Section 7-74 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
29 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2014*):

30       (a) The fee for a certification of birth registration, short form, shall  
31 be fifteen dollars. The fee for a certified copy of a certificate of birth,  
32 long form, shall be twenty dollars, except that the fee for such  
33 certifications and copies when issued by the department shall be thirty  
34 dollars.

35       (b) (1) The fee for a certified copy of a certificate of marriage or  
36 death shall be twenty dollars. Such fees shall not be required of the  
37 department.

38       (2) Any fee received by the Department of Public Health for a  
39 certificate of death shall be deposited in the neglected cemetery  
40 account, established in accordance with section 2 of this act.

41       (c) The fee for one certified copy of a certificate of death for any  
42 deceased person who was a veteran, as defined in subsection (a) of  
43 section 27-103, shall be waived when such copy is requested by a  
44 spouse, child or parent of such deceased veteran.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>October 1, 2014</i>	19a-308
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2014</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2014</i>	7-74

***PH***        *Joint Favorable*

***PD***        *Joint Favorable*